



**Kincardine United Church  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
March 4th, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** Echo Lake Overture  
 Allegretto  
 Spiritual  
 The Greatest Gift  
 When the Stars Began to Fall

*all performed by K.U.C.I.E.*

**WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Hymn Tune REST

*performed by K.U.C.I.E*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(based on Psalm 19)*

Look around and drink in the wonder and the intricacy of God's good Creation.  
 Doesn't it take your breath away – filling us all with awe as words fail?

**You bet!**

**We come to worship the God we witness in Creation's living goodness.**

**We come to embrace this constant renewal, adaptation and evolution –  
 the sign posts that life leads to death which in turn leads to new life.**

Notice how everything works both competitively and symbiotically.

This tension between the poles becomes the space where the Spirit moves.

**We come to explore that tension –**

**between obedience to God's laws,**

**the soul-satisfying hug of Christ's self-giving love**

**and the challenging yet nurturing push of the Spirit's call.**

As we come, let us join together in prayer:

**Loving God, who grounds our being in relational invitation,**

**reward us with our difficult work of Spirited becoming,**

**renew us with our labour of discerning the Way of Christ,**

**restore us with our painful healing within God's grace.**

**In our speaking, in our loving, in our doing, in our seeking,**

**be our solid, dependable rock of possibility**

**as you sing us into wholeness. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 315** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**We are like bowls of purest water in your presence, O God.**

**The purity of the Water of Life we hold in trust is your gift to us.**

**Over time – in our living – we have added experimentally to that water.**

**Now, in this intimate time of inner contemplation, we look into our selves,  
 noticing the varied substances which thread throughout former purity.**

**We haven't paid close enough attention, yearning now for what was first given.  
We lift the bowls of ourselves to you, O Christ, in humble supplication.**  
*(Silent Prayer)*

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME**    Days of Elijah  
...Led by Cate and Sean Crawford-Thompson & Morgan and Lydia Ritchie

- 1. These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord.  
These are the days of your servant, Moses,  
righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword,  
still we are the voice in the desert, crying,  
"Prepare, Ye, the way of the Lord!"**

**Chorus: Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,  
shining like the sun at the trumpet call!  
Lift up your voice, it's the year of jubilee.  
Out of Zion's Hill salvation comes!**

- 2. These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of your servant, David,  
rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
the fields are as white in the world.  
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,  
declaring the word of the Lord!**

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shining like the sun at the trumpet call!  
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**THE LORD'S PRAYER (sing together)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Exodus 20:1-17 in the Old Testament on page 66

**\*VOICES UNITED 686** God of Grace and God of Glory

**BIBLE READING** John 2:13-22 in the New Testament on page 93

**GLORIA**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.

**MEDITATION** "Whipped into Shape"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert

*Klugmeier*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS****OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY**

The Harmonious Blacksmith

*performed by K.U.C.I.E*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
 all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.  
 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
 and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Accept and bless what we offer this morning, O God, as our self-giving.  
 Pour out abundantly what we share into our aching world,  
 that your grace may multiply blessing upon blessing,  
 enfolding the world with your transformative power. Amen.

**\*MORE VOICES 138** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide  
**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,**  
**no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**  
**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;**  
**let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**  
**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,**  
**no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**POSTLUDE** March Militaire

*performed by K.U.C.I.E*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 🗣️ Jim Zarubick, Dave Leaning & Judy Zarubick  
**COUNTERS** 💰 Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles  
**MARCH HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 Joan and John Gillespie  
**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir, Cate and Sean  
 Crawford-Thompson & Morgan and Lydia Ritchie, K.U.C.I.E.  
**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦️ Sadie Shewfelt  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦️ Jackie Clements  
**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Krista Ritchie  
**SLIDE PRESENTATION** ♦️ Sarah MacKenzie  
**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar